

BE - Alg. 1 WEDNESDAY 2-16-11

①  $\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{3}{4x^2}$

②  $y = f(x) = 5x^2 + 2x + 1$

Ⓐ  $f(0) = ?$

Ⓑ  $f(2) = ?$

Ⓒ  $f(-1) = ?$

Ⓓ  $f(2a) = ?$

③ GRAPH  $y = f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 12$

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• Homework review Pg 528 # 1-3,  
6, 9, 18.

1.  
In the BE we graphed the quadratic function  $y = x^2 - 8x + 12$

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The corresponding quadratic equation is when  $y$  is equal to zero

$$0 = x^2 - 8x + 12$$

This also represents, when solved, the  $x$ -intercepts since by definition when  $y = 0$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane you are on the  $x$ -axis.

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You should check your graph and

verify the solution to:  $0 = x^2 - 8x + 12$

is where the parabola crosses the  $x$ -axis.

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{sum} \Rightarrow -8 \\ \text{prod} \Rightarrow +12 \end{array}$$

$$0 = (x-2)(x-6)$$

$$x = \{2, 6\}$$

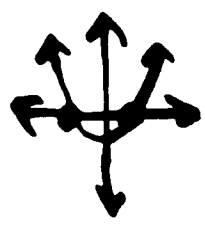
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THE SOLUTIONS TO THE QUADRATIC EQUATION (the x-intercepts) ARE ALSO CALLED THE ROOTS OF THE EQUATION OR THE ZEROS OF THE FUNCTION.

WHAT THE DISCRIMINANT TELLS YOU ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE QE

$b^2 - 4ac$

ROOTS

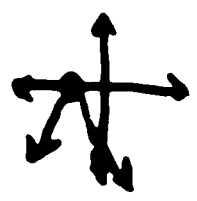


POSITIVE, PERFECT SQUARE

2 RATIONAL roots

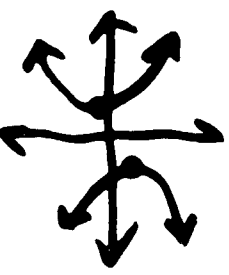
POSITIVE, NOT PERFECT SQUARE

2 IRRATIONAL roots



ZERO

1 RATIONAL root  
PST  $\Rightarrow (a \pm b)^2$



NEGATIVE

Ø roots, parabola never crosses x-axis.

Ex 2  
Pg 534

GRAPH, check the roots:  
 $b^2 + 4b = -4$

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A "double root"  $\Rightarrow d = 0$   
 $\therefore$  PARABOLA just "touches" X-AXIS  
AT ONE POINT.

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Ex 3  
Pg 534

GRAPH, check the roots:

$$x^2 - x + 4 = 0$$


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No roots, parabola never crosses  
the X-axis!

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Homework: • Read Ch 10-2 Solving Quadratic  
Eq. by Graphing  
• Pg. 535-536 # 1, 2, 4-6.